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SUBJECT: BELGIAN MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM

INDEPENDENT LE SOIR WRITES THAT W" PRESIDENT 'CARTER' PLAN TO
FIGHT WASTAGE OF ENERGY WILL PERHAPS ONE DAY BE CONSIDERED
AS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THIS CENTRY.TO ENFORCEIT,
THE GREATEST INDUSTRIAL POWER IN THE WORLD MUST ACHIEVE A DEEP
RECONVERSION WHICH OVERTURNS CUSTOMS AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGY."
LABOR CATHOLIC LA CITE SAYS THAT " MR.CARTER'S CONSERVATION
PLAN,WHICH APPLIES TO A COUNTRY WHICH IS AN ENORMOUS ENERGY
PRODUCER,ANS WHICH COULD BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IF IT WERE
THRIFTY,SHOULD OF COURSE MAKE WESTERN EUROPE THINK.IT IS
UNDERSTANDABLE THAT MR.JENKINS,PRESIDEHT OF THE EC
COMMISSON APPROVES THE PRINCIPLE OF THE CARTER PLAN.A
COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY OF SAVINGS AND OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES
THAT WOULD NOT POLLUTE THE ENVIRONMENT IS EVEN MORE NECESSARY,
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FOR WESTERN EUROPE,WHOSE ENERGY SHORTAGE WILL ONLY VERY
PARTIALLY, AND FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF YEARS,BE ALLEVIATED BY THE
RESOIRCES OF THE NORTH SEA.IN THAT FIELD,JUST AS IN THE FIELDK
OF MINERAL RAW MTERIALS WHICH COME TO US FROM AFRICA,WESTERN
EUROPE SHOULD AWAKE FROM A CHILDISH CARELESSNESS THAT COULD
BECOME SUICIDAL."
FINANCIAL LECHO DE LA BOURSE NOTING,LIKE MOST PAPERS,

THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT HAVE AN EASY TASK TO MAKE CONGRESS
ADOPT HIS PLAN, STATES: " APPARENTLY, HOWEVER THE OBJECTIVE OF
THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT IS LESS AMBITIOUS THAN THOSE OF THE
PROGRAMS PRESENTED -- BUT NEVER ACCEPTED -- BY HIS REPUBLICAN PRE
DECESSORS. DIDN'T PRESIDENTS NIXON AND FORD SEEK TO RESTORE
ENTIRELY BEFORE 1990 THE US ENERGY INDEPENDENCE? BUT, UNLIKE THE
LATTER, MR CARTER AIMS AT REDUCING THE CONSUMPTION OF OIL RATHER
THAN AT STIMULATING NEW ENERGY SOURCES..."
FOR CATHOLIC DE STANDAARD, HOWEVER, "THE CHANCES ARE REAL
THAT THE US, THANKS TO ENERGY SAVING TECHNIQUES, THE RESORT TO
SOLAR ENERGY AND TO A GREATER USE OF COAL WILL DEVELOP ANOTHER
ENERGY MODEL IN A REASONABLE SPAN OF TIME..."
LABOR CATHOLIC HET VOLK OBSERVES THAT "CARTER HAS PUT HIS OWN FUTURE
AT STAKE WITH HIS ENERGY PLAN.... CARTER'S CREDIBILITY IS MORE
THAN EVER IN QUESTION AND NONE OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED, AND THIS
INVOLVES ALL AMERICANS, WILL BE READY TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR THE
FACT THAT HE HAS THE COURAGE TO SIGNAL A CRISIS IN A TIME OF STILL
UNDENIABLE ABUNDANCE." ITEM

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